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Extract from the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its 1998 annual session

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1998/8. Resource mobilization strategy for UNICEF

The Executive Board

Takes note of the "Report on the work of the UNICEF Executive Board and secretariat on a resource mobilization strategy for UNICEF" (E/ICEF/1998/11) and of the comments made during the discussion, and requests the secretariat to take the comments into account in preparing the draft resource mobilization strategy for the second regular session in September 1998.

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1998/9. UNICEF communication policy

The Executive Board

1. Endorses document E/ICEF/1998/10 on the UNICEF communication strategy as a broad policy framework for UNICEF communication activities, including the continuing efforts of UNICEF to improve research and evaluation capacities and the communication functions for country, regional and headquarters levels;

2. Supports the approach outlined in the policy, which defines UNICEF communication functions as including information, advocacy, behavioural development and change, and social and resource mobilization;

3. Encourages the Executive Director to intensify UNICEF efforts to strengthen collaboration and partnerships with relevant sectors of the communication field.

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2 June 1998

1998/10. Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development

The Executive Board

Takes note of the report on "Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development" (E/ICEF/1998/9) and of the comments made during the discussion of the report.

Annual session
2 June 1998

1998/11. Implementation of management excellence in UNICEF

The Executive Board

1. Notes with appreciation the report on the experience and results of the efforts under the Management Excellence Programme during the last three years (E/ICEF/1998/AB/L.5);

2. Expresses its appreciation for the changes effected in UNICEF's structure, systems, processes and culture, results achieved and tools developed during this period, and encourages the Executive Director to continue strengthening and deepening the implementation of management excellence throughout the organization and at all levels;

3. Endorses the recommendation of the Executive Director that management excellence now be considered "mainstreamed" and that subsequent reporting on performance be included under the relevant agenda items, with special attention to identifying aspects of accountability, particularly elements of relevance, effectiveness and efficiency, in the delivery of agreed programme objectives.

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1998/12. Eradication of poliomyelitis

The Executive Board

1. Notes with appreciation the report on UNICEF "1998-2000 Programme Priorities" which gives priority to health issues, including malaria, HIV/AIDS, hygiene and sanitation, salt iodization, vitamin A supplementation, measles, polio and immunization;

2. Expresses its appreciation for the progress which has been made towards the World Summit for Children goal of polio eradication by Governments, UNICEF and their international partners. Polio eradication is clearly an achievable goal, and UNICEF has a comparative advantage. However, polio is still endemic in many parts of the world;

3. Expresses its concern at the gaps in funding and programming which create barriers to polio's successful eradication by the year 2000. Achievement of this goal will make resources, previously devoted to polio, available for present challenges and for those in the twenty-first century, such as malaria;

4. Endorses UNICEF polio eradication efforts working in a coordinated fashion with the World Health Organization, Governments, non-governmental organizations (e.g. Rotary International) and civil society. Polio eradication should be accomplished in such a way as to build capacity in developing health systems. We reaffirm our goal of polio eradication by the year 2000.

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1998/13. Follow-up to the World Summit for Children

The Executive Board

1. Notes with satisfaction the overall progress being made in the implementation of the Declaration of the World Summit for Children and its contribution to the realization of children's rights;

2. Recognizes that efficient measures need to be taken to reach the goals for the year 2000 established by the Summit;

3. Supports the priority actions identified by the secretariat to accelerate progress towards achieving the Summit goals by the year 2000 as well as the process developed to measure progress;

4. Requests the Executive Director to support the Secretary-General in the preparation of his report to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly on the preparation of the Assembly's special session in 2001 to review achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children;

5. Further requests the Executive Director to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Executive Board at its annual session in 1999;

6. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council take appropriate actions to highlight the need to achieve the goals of the World Summit for Children.

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